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PROJECT UPDATES

Blount Avenue Reconstruction

Southern Constructors, Inc. has started construction of the new Blount Avenue streetscape between the Norfolk South Railroad Underpass and Hawthorne Avenue.

A significant change to the design is the street lighting system. New street light to be installed will have LED fixtures, which are up to 65% more efficient than metal halide lights more commonly used throughout the City. The new street lights have been reviewed to ensure that they will operate at safe illumination levels.

Construction has begun, and some problems were encountered early on with the detour system and signs. We are trying to correct these problems as soon as they happen. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for improvements, please give Dave Hill a call at 215-3764.

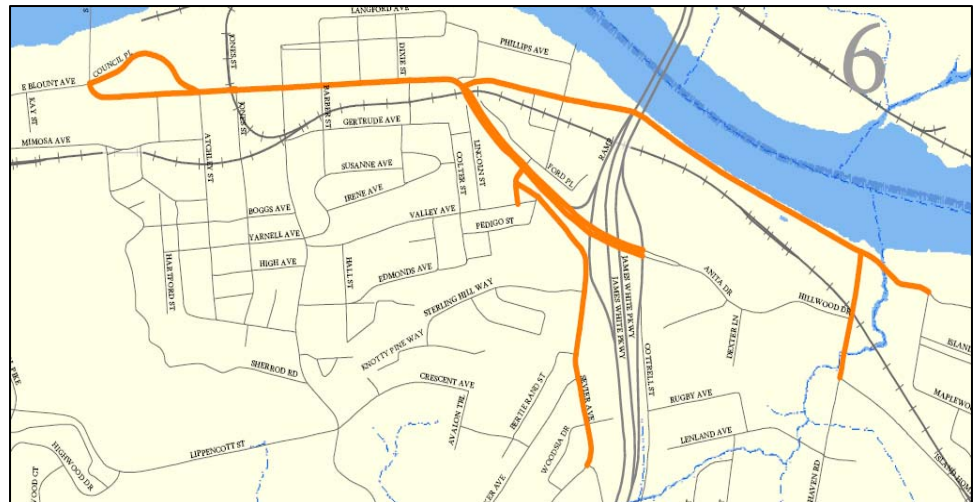
Cityview

Merit Construction has started work to complete the Cityview side streets and Riverwalk. We anticipate that approval of a change order will be requested from City Council in the near future to address the discovery of bedrock on the east end of the Riverwalk. Completion is still anticipated in July of this year.

As mentioned last month, the SW Department asked the TN Dept. of Transportation to redirect \$640,000 in Enhancement Grant funds from the Shoals Promenade project to extend the segment of Cityview Riverwalk about to start construction all the way to the USA ReadyMix (Rinker) property line. We are still waiting to hear if this request will be approved.

SOUTH WATERFRONT STREET PAVING PLANS

The City of Knoxville Engineering Department has announced plans to add several streets in the South Waterfront area to the current year's repaving list. The streets added are shown in the map below, and are named in the table that follows. The actual repaving work is expected to begin in the next few weeks, weather permitting.



STREET	FROM	TO
ANITA DRIVE	DOVER STREET	START BRIDGE
ANITA DRIVE	END BRIDGE	COTTRELL STREET
COUNCIL PLACE	GAY ST, S	SEVIER AVENUE
DOVER STREET	SEVIER AVENUE	VALLEY AVENUE
ISLAND HOME AVENUE	SEVIER AVENUE	SOUTH HAVEN ROAD
MAPLEWOOD DRIVE	ISLAND HOME AVENUE	SPENCE PLACE
MARTIN MILL PIKE, EAST	CHAPMAN HIGHWAY	CHAPMAN HIGHWAY
SEVIER AVENUE	BLOUNT AVENUE	ISLAND HOME AVENUE
SEVIER AVENUE	DOVER STREET	E MOODY AVENUE

SW-UT PEDESTRIAN / BICYCLE BRIDGE

Nine consultant teams submitted qualifications to be considered for design, engineering, and environmental permitting contract related to the pedestrian / bicycle bridge connecting the South Waterfront to the University of TN by the April 1st deadline.

A 9-person Evaluation Committee reviewed, discussed, and scored the submittals and to score them based on specific criteria (the RFQ and Evaluation Criteria are available on the SW website). On April 12th, 3 firms were invited to submit Draft Design Proposals by the May 14th deadline. The firms selected are Palmer Engineering, Inc., Lawrie & Associates Consulting Engineers, and Florence & Hutcheson. Each of the lead firms has teamed with other subcontracting firms to perform all of the required work. A final selection recommendation will be made by May 28th. The project scope of work and contract is slated to be finished by July of this year.

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